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MEMORANDUM FOR : Comptroller, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Hourly Flight Costs on OXCART Vehicle

Thought you might be interested in one juicy tidbit which Kelly Johnson revealed at last week's Suppliers' Conference at West Palm Beach. He alledged that he had had a covey of financial experts cost out the anticipated hourly flying rate on the OXCART bird, and the figure came out to \$10,000 per flight hour. This fact was introduced in connection with his proposal for the purchase of an "inexpensive" flight simulator which he stands ready to build and which he alledges would reduce the flying hour cost to a niggardly \$1,000 per hour in the Iron Monster.

P. S. The simulator would cost \$750,000 which is dirt cheap considering the fact that United Airlines paid \$5,000,000 for a DC-8 flight simulator. Don't ask me how much GFE would make up the bits and pieces of this contraption.

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